

OPIOID MONITORING INITIATIVE

****ALERT****

COUNTERFEIT PILLS DISGUISED AS OXYCODONE CONTAINING FENTANYL, FENTANYL ANALOGS, U-47700

TYPE: Public Health Officials/Healthcare/Situational Awareness

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SOURCES: Arizona High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (AZ HIDTA)
U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
Tucson Police Department / Crime Laboratory

ATTN: Public Health Officials,
Healthcare

SUMMARY: The Arizona High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (AZ HIDTA) recently received information from law enforcement sources regarding a 2017 seizure of pills containing fentanyl, fentanyl analogs, and U-47700 disguised as oxycodone (trade names include OxyContin) in Pima County. This information is being shared with public health officials and healthcare providers for situational awareness and safety purposes.

DETAILS: The crime laboratory confirmed the tablets were counterfeit, and the results of their analysis are as follows:

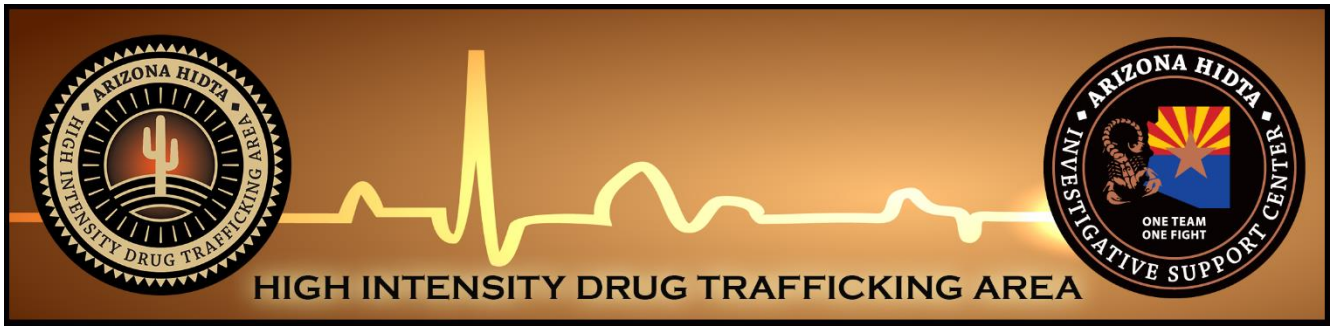
- The "A 215" imprinted tablets contained fentanyl.
- The "OC 40" imprinted orange tablets contained a mixture of furanyl fentanyl, U-47700, and para-fluoroisobutyryl fentanyl (FIBF).
- The OC 40 imprinted black tablets contained a mixture of methamphetamine, furanyl fentanyl, U-47700, para-fluoroisobutyryl fentanyl (FIBF), and alprazolam.

FIBF is a fentanyl analog, and U-47700 is a synthetic opioid which was placed into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act in November 2016. This was the first reported examination of counterfeit pills containing U-47700 and FIBF submitted to the Tucson Police Department Crime Laboratory.



Photos: Tucson Police Department Crime Laboratory

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NOTE: The Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration issued a temporary scheduling order to schedule the synthetic opioid, N-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(1-phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)isobutyramide (4-fluoroisobutyryl fentanyl or para-fluoroisobutyryl fentanyl), and its isomers, esters, ethers, salts and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers, into Schedule I pursuant to the temporary scheduling provisions of the Controlled Substances Act. This temporary scheduling order is effective May 3, 2017, until May 3, 2019, unless it is extended for an additional year or a permanent scheduling proceeding is completed. The DEA will publish a document in the Federal Register announcing an extension or permanence. (See: [DEA – Diversion Control Division](#)).

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